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To NORTHERN(SVERIGE)(1).

Information from the Polish Military Attaché (STAB(STAS))(ii).

1. German Army Establishment

Panzer divisions	21
Light divisions	4
Motorized divisions	16
Mountain divisions	6
Cavalry divisions	2
Infantry divisions	
(Including 5 reserve and 36 garrison divisions)	236
Total	265

2. Dispositions

Eastern Front	175
NORWAY, DENMARK, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE	44 (NORWAY 6 DENMARK not more than 2)
POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA and GERMANY	55
BAKANS and NORTH AFRICA	15

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3. STAB considers that the Germans can form at this point 20 to 25 new reserve [divisions][a].

4. As I reported previously, the Germans, according to information from the Swedes, have some 125 divisions on the Eastern Front (evidently in the forward areas alone).

5. According to information from the Swedish Air Attaché[iii], the Germans have seven divisions in AFRICA and the Italians 18

[62 groups unrecovered]

Romanian, Hungarian and Slovak divisions.

[72 groups unrecovered]

[65 groups unrecoverable]

[16 groups unrecovered]

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] NORTHERN : MOSCOW addressee and signatory, so far only occurring in traffic sent in Scandinavian lanes. Probably Northern Department.

[ii] STAB : This is a diminutive of the Polish name STANISLAW. The Polish Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM in 1942 was Major Feliks MAZESKIEWICZ. Other occurrences of this cover-name are in STOCKHOLM's No. 353 of 24th March 1942 (not published) and STOCKHOLM's No. 667 of 11th April 1942 (3/WEP/T1556).

[iii] Swedish Air Attaché : Presumably Stig WERNERSTRÖM of STOCKHOLM's No. 223 of 5th February 1942 (3/WEP/T1642). WERNERSTRÖM retained his appointment as Swedish Air Attaché in MOSCOW after his return to STOCKHOLM to work for the Swedish Defence Staff.

[iv] AKASTO : Col. N. I. VIKTUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

